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1. [redacted] Chinese Communist district cadres made a public announcement in all the villages of Tz'uch'i (N 30-00, E 121-28) that a national draft would be held [redacted] According to the announcements, 450,000 civilians would be drafted from all of China: those between 18 and 22 years would be eligible, and terms of service would range from three years in the army to four years in the navy and five years in the air force.¹ 25X1
2. [redacted] the headquarters of the 35 Army² was near the Ching (3237)³ Temple in Hangchow. [redacted] Posters nearby read "Printed by 350 Troops" and posters on the road from Yuyao (N 30-04, E 121-10) to Shaohsing (N 30-00, E 120-34) read "Printed by 3505 Troops"⁴ 25X1
3. [redacted] all of the approximately 1,000 troops of the Unit⁵ stationed in Yunang (N 30-16, E 119-56) departed. When they returned most had uniforms that were torn and covered with mud, some were missing socks and shoes, and all appeared exhausted. It was rumored that the troops had been on combat maneuvers. On 30 September, 14 trucks loaded with troops and towing eight artillery pieces left Yuhang in the direction of Hangchow. 25X1
4. [redacted] 400 troops, armed with rifles, submachine guns, and mortars, conducted a series of maneuvers near the west gate of Ningpo. 25X1
5. [redacted] twenty canvas-covered trucks passed through Ningpo from the direction of Hangchow on the road to Fenghua (N 29-40, E 121-24). The trucks appeared to be heavily loaded. 25X1
6. [redacted] approximately two trains daily passed through Hangchow from the direction of Shanghai carrying troops and equipment. These trains were given priority over scheduled trains. According to local rumor, they were carrying troops to Chinghua (N 29-06, E 119-40). 25X1

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7. [redacted] armored tracked tractors, each towing a canvas-covered artillery piece, arrived at the Hangchow Station by road from the north. The artillery pieces had short barrels, fat bodies, and were mounted on two rubber tires, each four feet in diameter.⁶ All the vehicles and guns departed southward on the same date. 25X1
8. [redacted] there were 26 other two-wheeled artillery pieces at the Hangchow Station.⁷ They were also canvas-covered, but their barrels were longer and their bodies smaller than the other 18 guns. 25X1
1. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] Comment. The provisions of the national conscription order add nothing to overtly available information, but the fact that the order had apparently not been implemented in the Hangchow-Ningpo area [redacted] may be of interest. Note that source or translator has reversed the duration of service for tours in the navy and air force. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] the 35 Army was inactivated in mid-1952 and its troops were used to form public security units or replacement contingents for Korea. 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The 17 Public Security Division is accepted in the Chekiang coastal area, though none of its elements have been firmly identified as far north as Hangchow. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. This is probably the same installation as the Ching (0402) temple in southeast Hangchow [redacted] a military compound [redacted] The characters 3237 and 0402 are graphically, phonetically, and semantically very similar and could easily be confused [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. These troops are probably part of the 35 Army. 25X1
5. [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted] Comment. The gun description most closely resembles the Soviet 122-mm. (M 1938) howitzer, a piece which would normally be truck-drawn. The Chinese Communist Army is not currently credited with any tracked prime movers, but captured civilians and fishermen in Fukien have reported sighting similar vehicles. 25X1
7. [redacted] 25X1

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